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## COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

## STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

APPLICATION OF

ENRON ENERGY MARKETING CORP.

CASE NO. PUE010484

For a permanent license to conduct business as a natural gas competitive service provider

## ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On August 31, 2001, Enron Energy Marketing Corp., ("EEMC" or "the Company"), electronically filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to convert its pilot license, License No. PG-14, to a permanent license to provide competitive natural gas service to commercial and residential retail customers. EEMC stated in its August 31, 2001, application that it wishes to continue to be licensed for the same LDC service territories, and customer classes for which it was licensed under the pilot programs. Further, the Company attested that it would abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 B. Subsequently, the Company filed an original and fifteen (15) written copies of its application with the Commission.

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  This pilot license permits EEMC to operate in the natural gas retail access programs of Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL")and Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CGV").

On September 29, 2000, EEMC filed an application for licenses to conduct business in the natural gas retail access pilot programs. This application sought authority to provide competitive natural gas service to commercial and residential customers participating in the retail access pilot programs of WGL and CGV.

After providing notice and opportunity for hearing, and receiving no comments from the public, and after considering its Staff's Report and the Company's response thereto, the Commission issued an Order on November 30, 2000, in Case No. PUE000489, that, among other things, granted the Company License No. PG-14, to provide competitive natural gas supply service to commercial and residential customers in conjunction with the retail access pilot programs of CGV and WGL.

On June 19, 2001, the Commission entered its Final Order in Case No. PUE010013, adopting its Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services ("Retail Access Rules"), 20 VAC 5-312-10, et seq.<sup>2</sup> Page 6 of this Order provided that each competitive service provider who wished to convert its pilot license to a permanent license to participate in retail access must submit a request to do so in writing to the Commission on

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commonwealth of Virginia, At the relation of the State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: In the matter of establishing rules for retail access, Case No. PUE010013, Document Control Center No. 01063011, Final Order (June 19, 2001).

or before August 31, 2001. We directed that: (i) each such request must include an attestation that the information provided and updated in its application for a pilot license is true and correct, (ii) the Company must attest that it will abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission, as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 B, and (iii) the Company must include any changes to information previously provided to the Commission, as required by 20 VAC 5-312-20 R.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of EEMC's application to convert its present license to a permanent license, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that EEMC's application should be docketed; that this Order should be served upon appropriate persons; and that these persons should have an opportunity to comment on EEMC's application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This application shall be docketed and assigned Case
- (2) A copy of the application and supporting documents shall be made available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during the Commission's regular hours of operation, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- (3) On or before October 9, 2001, EEMC shall serve a copy of this Order upon James S. Copenhaver, Esquire, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., 9001 Arboretum Parkway, Richmond, Virginia 23235; and Donald R. Hayes, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 1100 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20080.
- (4) On or before October 15, 2001, the Company shall file with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P. O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118 proof of the notice required in Ordering Paragraph (3) herein.
- (5) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing a request in writing to the Company, to the attention of Craig Shields, Enron Energy Services, P. O. Box 1188, Houston, Texas 77251-1188. The Company shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.
- (6) An original and fifteen (15) copies of any comments on the application shall be filed on or before October 15, 2001, with the Clerk of the Commission at the address identified in Ordering Paragraph (4). Comments must refer to Case No.

  PUE010484. A copy of such comments must also be served on or before October 15, 2001, by first-class mail, or hand-delivered,

to the Company, attention of Craig Shields at the address identified in Ordering Paragraph (5).

- (7) On or before October 26, 2001, the Company and the Staff of the Commission may each file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response they may have to any comments that have been filed and to the captioned application, and shall serve a copy of such response on the Company and Staff, as appropriate, as well as upon any person submitting comments.
- (8) The Company shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within five (5) calendar days after the receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10, et seq.
  - (9) This matter shall be continued generally.